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1. REFAIR COMMENTED ON TREMENDOUS INCREASE IN NUMBER OF AMERICAN GLAS VESSELS CALLING AT ALEXANDRIA SINCE REOPENING OF CONGEN AFTER RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND USA. "IN JUNE," WE REPORTED, "AT LEAST ONE AMERICAN FLAG VESSEL WAS IN PORT EVERY DAY."

2. FOR MAY 1977, ELEVEN MONTHS LATER, WE ARE PLEASED TO REPORT THAT AT LEAST TWO AMERICAN FLAG VESSELS WERE IN PORT EVERY DAY, BUT THAT ON ONLY FOUR DAYS OF ENTIRE MONTH. ON FOURTEEN DAYS WE HAD THREE, ON THREE DAYS WE HAD FOUR, ON NINE DAYS WE HAD FIVE, AND ON UNLUCKY FRIDAY THE 13TH OF MAY, WE HAD SIX.

3. MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS TO SHIP/DAYS ARE BULK CARRIERS WITH PL-480 GRAINS, BUT REGULAR LASH SERVICE BY PRUDENTIAL LINES, VERY FREQUENT VISITS BY LYKES LINES (SIX ARRIVALS), AND RENEWED AMERICAN EXPORT LINES ACTIVITY HAVE ALL SERVED TO ENHANCE AMERICAN MARITIME PRESENCE HERE.

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4. STAR DAYS WERE IN EARLY MAY WHEN TWO BULK CARRIERS (CONNECTICUT AND OGDEN CHALLENGER) OCCUPIED TWO OUT OF FOUR "SILOS" PIERS, AND IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT AT CO-OPTED "LUMBER" PIERS LAY, ALMOST SIDE BY SIDE, THREE LYKES LINERS ALSO DISCHARGING PL-480 GRAIN OR FLOUR.

5. THIS IS FAR CRY FROM DAYS LESS THAN TWO YEARS AGO WHEN THE PORT

DIRECTOR ASKED US NOT TO INSIST ON USG AID CARGO PRIORITY WHEN IT MEANT TWO SHIPS OF ONE SHIPPING LINE WERE UNLOADING AT THE SAME TIME.

6. THIS IS MEASURE NOT ONLY OF GROWING US AID TO EGYPT, BUT GOE'S VERY CONSCIOUS EFFORT, AND POPULAR DESIRE, TO BUY AMERICAN. CHASE

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